

Fontainebleau Municipal Advisory Committee

**E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary School
330 Northwest 97th Avenue
Miami, Florida 33172**

**October 30, 2003
Minutes**

Present at the meeting were:

Odell Ford, representing Miami Dade County
Roger Lorenzo, Committee Chairman
Juan Carlos Nistal, Committee Member
Maria Roca, Committee Member
Cecilia Urbina Hassele, Committee Member
Donna Skinner, Committee Member

Not Present:

Carlos Jose Gaset, Committee Member
Carmen Sanchez, Committee Member

Roger Lorenzo, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to waive the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Odell Ford distributed a draft of a conceptual agreement for the proposed city of Fontainebleau Park that Miami-Dade County put together for discussion purposes. Odell introduced Peter Vilar, the Assistant Director of Incorporation & Annexation Services for Miami-Dade County. Mr. Vilar explained that he had taken our proposed municipal advisory report to the county attorney who advised him that the report must include additional requirements that have been included in other municipal advisory reports. The draft that Odell Ford distributed includes those requirements. If the committee accepts the report with the additions, it won't be necessary to take it back to the attorney for further discussion and review.

Juan Carlos Nistal asked questions about the Women's Park. It was explained that the Women's Park will be administered by the County, and for that reason everyone in the County pays for the park. Miami-Dade County police will service the park.

Odell Ford commented that the boundaries of the proposed City of Fontainebleau Park still need to be clarified. In answer to a question about the boundaries proposed by the

Westchester MAC, Odell Ford said that it is still just a rumor that the Westchester boundaries are up to our southern boundary.

Juan Carlos Nistal then made a motion to approve the conceptual agreement as presented for review. Roger Lorenzo seconded the motion, and the proposed draft was unanimously approved by the MAC Committee.

Roger Lorenzo asked for comments or questions. There were none from the committee or attending guests. Roger then explained that he was scheduled to meet the past week with Assistant County Manager Alex Munoz, but the meeting had been cancelled. He had then met with Peter Velar, who he invited to tonight's meeting. The meeting with Assistant County Manager Munoz had been scheduled to discuss mitigation fees.

Peter Velar explained to the committee why the County considers the Fontainebleau area a donor community. Our area is just a small part in a larger unincorporated area. Police services can be economized when serving the larger area. But if the area leaves and incorporates, the level of overhead cost-effectiveness of the large unincorporated area is lost.

Roger explained that the issue is not just with police service and its related cost. The issue is the mitigation fees we would have to pay as a donor community. The millage rate we would have to pay would be based on satisfying the county, not community services. Roger explained that we cannot do what donor communities have done that have preceded us. Those were higher income communities. We are different and this has to be considered. The county needs to keep an open mind and re-evaluate.

Peter Velar explained that the County provides numbers that are realistic. For example, the County recommendation was that Miami Gardens should not incorporate, because they did not have the money to do so. Miami Gardens proceeded with incorporation and is now finding that next year they will probably have to vote a millage rate of 7-8 mills.

Since there were no other questions either from the Committee or from the floor, Juan Carlos Nistal made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.